

**CRYPTOGRAM:  
About Charles Darwin.....**

**M L Z F T W A**

**X Z F O N B**

**O Z A**

**Z**

**C Z D R H A**

**A M N W B G N A G**

**O L R**

**A L R O W X**

**G L Z G**

**Z T T**

**T N S N B Y**

**G L N B Y A**

**W S R T S W X**

**C F R D**

**W Z F T N W F**

**C R F D A**

**Rules for solving a cryptogram:** Every letter of the alphabet is exchanged for one alternative letter. This one-for-one swap holds for the whole message. For example,

**“ D BQ YKF LQBJYFLY CWM WA YKF NGBLL”**  
 decodes as:

**I AM THE SMARTEST KID IN THE CLASS**

**Techniques for solving a cryptogram:**

1. If you have an idea what the message is about, you can make some clever guesses as to what some of the words might be.
2. Single letters must be “I” or “A”. You can often tell which one by its position in a sentence.
3. Look for a three letter word that keeps recurring. It might be “THE”..
4. Look for double letters. There are only a small number of possibilities, and their position in the word often makes it easier to guess which letter is being doubled.

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